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## ALL BOOSTING ALMA

Grand Rapids Jobbers Approve Alma Spirit

## FURNITURE CITY BAND PLAYS

Special Train Arrived in Alma Wednesday Morning

A special train bearing representatives of the Wholesale Department of the Grand Rapids Association of Commerce arrived in Alma Wednesday morning at 12:35, and for one hour and a half they made a very busy sightseeing and acquaintanceship-making tour of Alma.

For the last nine years this band of boosters have paid central, eastern and western Michigan towns visits. This year they were accompanied by the Furniture City band of twenty pieces, which furnished beautiful music at every opportunity.

The train had scarcely arrived bringing 75 men before the visiting party was whisked from the depot to Alma's manufacturing buildings on the east side of the city. Here they spent a few moments in viewing the factories and making observations on the situation of the buildings, their equipment, etc. These men represented commercial houses doing an aggregate business of \$40,000,000, and even they were strongly impressed by the great strides which the Alma manufacturing concerns had made. One visitor remarked, "The Republic Motor Truck Co. has the most unique advertising scheme that I have ever seen." He referred not only to their display advertising, but also to their advertising by indirect methods. The company guarantees for its one ton truck a carrying capacity of at least 2000 pounds, but twenty members of the Furniture City Band, weighing together nearly two tons, were carried all over the city in one of their one ton trucks.

After a thorough inspection of the factories from the outside the Grand Rapids men escorted by Messrs. Charles F. Brown, George Moore, Charles G. Rhodes, D. S. Johnson and Ezra Smith visited the residence section on State Street, the Masonic Home and the college.

Two comments which were made by members expressed well the opinion of the whole party in regard to Alma and the spirit of her merchants. One said, "No wonder you are growing. Everyone in the city is a booster. You boost the truck company, gas company, electric light companies, your college, and every other Alma concern." Another said, "Alma is the liveliest and most progressive little city that we have visited on our tour."

At the Masonic Home and on the corner of State and Superior streets the band rendered fine music to large crowds that gathered to hear this well known musical organization. Popular airs were played, while for the benefit of the older men and women at the Masonic Home the band played the old familiar tunes.

The personal contact of our business men with merchants of this prominence cannot fail to be productive of good results. It brings the two cities closer together and establishes a community of interest that could not otherwise be created.

The special train was unusually fine, consisting of a combination baggage and smoking car, two dining cars, four all-steel Pullman combination.

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## TOLEDO INVITATION

Wholesale Merchants and Manufacturers Board of Toledo Will Entertain

The Wholesale Merchants and Manufacturers Board of Toledo, who recently made this city a visit, have extended to the business men of Alma, and all towns along the Ann Arbor R. R. an invitation to make Toledo a visit, and have arranged an elaborate program for their entertainment.

The A. A. R. R. proposes to run a special train leaving Frankfort about six p. m. Oct. 27, and arriving in Alma about midnight. A sleeper will be at Alma and will be picked up by this train. Returning train to leave Toledo about 11:30 p. m. October 28. \$7.82 for the round trip, including berth in sleeper. Persons contemplating this trip should consult D. L. Johnson, Sec'y of the Alma Board of Trade.

## ALMA IS TRACK "CHAMP"

At a meeting of the M. I. A. A. governing board last week, Alma was awarded the 1914 track championship which had apparently been won by Kalamazoo last June, and the record made by Preston in the javelin throw will be wiped off the boards. Despite the protests of Coach Bleamaster to the referee the Kazoo athlete had persisted in throwing the javelin with two hands instead of one with the approval of the referee, and thus could give the Swede stick such added impetus that the breaking of the legally-made record by Oral Misenar in 1913 was a simple matter. No written or verbal protest was filed by Alma after the meet but at the meeting of the board with representatives from Adrian, Albion, Hillsdale and Kalamazoo present the action was taken which gives Alma the highest honors in track for the 1914 season.

Misenar set the record at 144 feet, 2 inches and the decision which keeps his record intact is most gratifying to Alma students. As yet the banner has not been received from Kalamazoo but it is expected to arrive some time this week. To the students it will be mighty gratifying to see that title tag alongside of the one which was won in 1913.

The points of the meet now stand:

Alma	34
Kalamazoo	32½
Hillsdale	31½
Olivet	24
Albion	12

## BETHANY M. E. CHURCH

New House of Worship Dedicated Last Sunday And Monday

The new church edifice of the Methodist Episcopal Society of Bethany township was most appropriately dedicated last Sunday and Monday with elaborate dedicatory services and on Tuesday with social functions. Rev. Wm. H. Phelps, District Superintendent, conducted two impressive services on Sunday which were largely attended, while on Monday evening Rev. James B. Pinckard, of Mt. Pleasant, delivered a fine address.

Tuesday evening the members of the Ladies' Aid Society served a banquet to a crowd which taxed the capacity of the new building. The guests were received by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Colthorp, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Giles, of Bethany, sang solos which were rendered by the Breckenridge orchestra, while Mrs. Rose Zimmerman, of Breckenridge, and Miss Lora Priest, ceived with keen and enthusiastic appreciation. Rev. Wm. M. Puffer, D. D., of Grand Rapids, also delivered an excellent address.

That the progressive christian spirit possessed by the earnest men and women of Bethany should be crystallized in this manner is a splendid thing. Their church is a suitable and beautiful monument to their progressive christian faith. The new church will be a religious centre for a large territory.

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Next Sunday the pastor will preach both morning and evening. At 10 a. m. the sermon theme will be, "John the Baptist." At 7 p. m. the theme for the sermon will be, "Duty Not Measured by Ability." Every one who has no regular church home is cordially invited to share in the work and worship of the church.

The Sabbath School, Mr. Frank McConkey, superintendent, offers an admirable opportunity for Bible Study to everyone. Classes are provided for every one from the youngest to the eldest.

The Y. P. S. C. E. meets every Sunday evening at 6:15 p. m., and cordially invites all young people to its fellowship.

The East End Sabbath School, Prof. F. N. Notestein, superintendent, continues to grow in numbers and interest. Every resident of "The Heights" is earnestly urged to share in the good work being done in the school. Hour of meeting, 2:30 p. m.

The Arcada Sabbath School, which meets in Grange Hall, Mr. Ernest Bacon, superintendent, every Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p. m. (standard) is also rendering a fine ministry in the community. Let everybody help.

At the evening service next Sunday the music for the services will be in charge of the Ladies' Chorus, which was so greatly enjoyed two weeks ago.

Mrs. F. King and Miss Nell Conley, guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. McPhee, have returned to their homes in Saginaw.

## ALBERT LINDQUEST

American Tenor of Note to Appear in Alma Oct. 20.

## COMES WITH HIGH PRAISE

Voice Discovered by Alessandro Bonci, Great Italian Opera Singer

Among the distinguished American tenors of today there has lately been included the name of Albert Lindquest, the "favorite Chicago concert artist," according to the Chicago Tribune.

Three years ago, when Lindquest was a student at the University of Chicago his remarkable voice was "discovered" by Alessandro Bonci, the great Italian operatic tenor. Although Mr. Lindquest has always been extremely musical it was not until his college days that the beauty of his voice became apparent. On a certain occasion when Bonci was at the university to give a song recital there he happened to pass the fraternity house where Lindquest lived. The fraternity men were out on their house veranda singing popular songs and Bonci heard a tenor voice of particular power and beauty. He stopped and inquired who the tenor might be and found it was Mr. Lindquest, who up till this time had been told by various people that he had a remarkable voice but never by so great a judge as the famous Italian tenor. He was asked to visit his interested friend the next day at his hotel, when Bonci declared the young tenor had the greatest of prospects for a great career.

Since this time Lindquest has studied with various masters, and has appeared with sensational success in concerts and oratorio throughout the United States. Mr. Glenn Dillard Gunn, the critic of the Chicago Tribune, said that "the brilliant young tenor must be granted his place among the greatest of American tenors, for it is a voice and a singing personality of the most unordinary kind."

He has sung with the leading symphony orchestras, including the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Minneapolis Symphony, St. Paul Symphony, and many other great orchestras.

The Chicago Inter-Ocean called Mr. Lindquest the "matinee idol of the concert stage, for his beautiful voice and delightful singing calls for such recognition."

"A voice of exquisitely beautiful quality."

Chicago Tribune, May 15, 1914.

"A Born Interpreter of song."

Minneapolis Journal, December 8, 1913.

"A well modulated voice, and a singer of great personality."

Chicago Record Herald.

Mr. Lindquest will be heard in a concert on Tuesday evening, October 20th, at Alma, when he will sing a program calculated to appeal not only to the experienced musical people but to everybody, for Mr. Lindquest is a singer who appeals to everybody.

## OSBORN TOURS COUNTY

Made Closing Talk in Alma at the Realty Opera Saturday Night

On Saturday last Chase S. Osborn, Republican candidate for governor, accompanied by a small party, made a tour of Gratiot county, visiting North Star, Ashley, Pompeii, Middleton, Perrinton, Ithaca, Breckenridge, St. Louis and closing the trip with an evening meeting at the opera house at Alma, and despite the exceedingly bad weather, the ex-governor was greeted by large crowds everywhere and spoke to over 3,000 during the day and expressed himself as being especially well pleased with his reception in the county.

The Republican candidate for governor this year should receive the vote of every citizen who believes in conservative, efficient, state management, and who believes that an executive should have the courage to veto an appropriation he considers excessive or unwarranted. Chase S. Osborn had that courage, and saved the taxpayers of this state many thousands of dollars.

The Republican candidate for governor this year has been tried in the executive chair of the state and is known to be safe and efficient and is entitled on his merit to every Republican vote cast at the November election.

## OBITUARY.

Morinda M. Peterson was born in Canada July 7, 1864. She was married to Luther C. Mock on April 23, 1883, in Hamilton township, Gratiot County, and Mr. and Mrs. Mock have spent nearly all their married life in Gratiot County. Mrs. Mock's health failed more than two years ago, and she died of tuberculosis on October 6, 1914, at her home in this city, where she has resided this summer. She is survived by her husband, seven children, Maurice, Mrs. Pearl Smith, Mrs. Sarah Antis, Clyde, Cyril, Doane and Clifford, and by two sisters and two brothers, Amos Peterson, Mrs. May Cassidy, Ira Peterson, and Mrs. Edna Peterson. The funeral service was conducted in the chapel at North Star cemetery, where interment was made. The prayer service was held Friday morning at seven thirty at the residence on Park Avenue. Rev. J. W. Priest officiated.

## FIRST STATE BANK

Buys Lot Adjoining Hotel and Will Build a Modern Banking Office

A deal has been consummated by which the First State Bank has purchased from Mr. E. Brearly the vacant lot, on Wright House Court, between the present office and L. N. Baker's grocery. The lot has a frontage of 88 feet, exclusive of a 11 foot alley on the west and an easement of 6 feet on the east for a walk. The bank expects to build a large modern banking office on this lot which will be a credit to the city. Since the bank was organized in 1901 with deposits of \$200,000, with an office force of two men and occupying a small space in the Wright House building, it has enjoyed a steady growth. During the last five years its deposits have developed, its office has been enlarged, and its working force increased to five men. During the last year its office equipment has been improved by adding a large modern burglar proof manganese steel safe, nests of steel safety deposit boxes, and a Burroughs Electric Ledger Posting machine.

It is the only bank in Gratiot county with a capital of more than \$16,000 that is recognized by the American Bankers' Association as a Roll of Honor bank. Its stock has always paid a good dividend to its stockholders, and in addition has created a surplus fund equal to its capital.

It has outgrown its present quarters and both officers and patrons are looking forward to the erection of its new building.

## MORE NEW RESIDENCES

Four New Houses Under Construction Within a Block of Each Other

Four new residences are being constructed within fifteen rods of each other on the block of East End street, lying between Gratiot Avenue and Woodworth. On the north-west corner of East End street and Gratiot Avenue, a two story, eleven room, bungalow style residence, is nearly completed. It is being built by Lloyd with a front veranda and a rear porch. Mr. Campbell is at present living across the street in the C. H. Howell property, and will move into the new house as soon as it is completed. The next lot to the east on East End street is also owned by Mr. Campbell, and he will start the work this week of putting up a one-story bungalow on that lot. This second building will be for sale as soon as it is completed. On Gratiot Avenue, on the lot adjoining the south side of Mr. fairly well under construction, and the Campbell's lot, another two story house is now being erected. It is work will progress rapidly until it is finished. In the next block west, on East End street, on the north side of the street, Will Allen is building a two-story ten-room cement block house. When this house is completed Mr. Allen expects to move into it from the Delavan property, 708 Woodworth Avenue, where he is now living. Next spring Mr. Allen will put up a similar but larger house on the adjoining east lot, which he also owns. The erection of the new houses makes that portion of Alma more beautiful and also fills up the vacant lots.

Timekeeper—Crisp, Alma.

## ITHACA 0 - ALMA 79

County Seat Lads Make a Poor Showing Against Alma's Eleven

## COACH CRISP'S COACHING TELLS

Captain Handley Scores Touchdown in Thirty-Four Seconds of Play

Had Alma played the game Tuesday that she did against Lansing Saturday, the score would without doubt have reached the hundred mark. Realizing the inferiority of their opponents, Alma naturally ceased her brilliant work and played a ragged game. Five minutes was taken off in the last quarter on account of darkness, thus making the game rather short.

Ithaca received at the south goal and was compelled to scrimmage on the 20-yard line, due to Handley's kick, the ball crossing the goal line. The ball went over to Alma and in 34 seconds Handley made a sweep around left end for a touch down. Again Ithaca received, but soon lost the ball by a fumble and this time Smith scored a touch down on the second play. Handley kicked goal making the score 10 to 0. Alma kicked again and soon obtained possession of the ball by holding Ithaca for downs. Banghart scored a touchdown and Handley kicked goal. The quarter ended with Alma at the long end of a 20 to 0 score and the ball in their possession. Smith opened up some trick plays and by the end of the first half the score was 39 to 0.

In the third quarter Alma received and the ball was returned 30 yards by Smith. Handley passed to Stephens who ran sixty yards for a touchdown. This time Handley failed to kick goal and Ithaca received again. Pressley dropped the ball and Ithaca was compelled to punt. Mahr received the punt and returned it 15 yards. Smith made a long forward pass to Dutt, who scored. The third quarter ended with the ball in Alma's possession, and the score 53 to 0.

In the last quarter Smith uncovered everything he had and scored three touchdowns in seven minutes of play. It was unnecessary for Alma to punt during the entire game, for not once were they held for downs. A record crowd attended and was wild with enthusiasm. The entire team featured for Alma while Brown and Pressley did good work for Ithaca.

The line-up:

Ithaca—	Alma—
Davis	C. Campbell
Wells	L.G. Tinkham
Kashenider	R.G. Wonders
Spooner	L.T. Dutt
McCall	R.T. Muscott
Mertons	L.E. Blaisdell
Burchard	R.E. Stephens
Brooke	L.H. Handley
Pressley	R.H. Banghart
Brown	Q.B. Smith
Hamilton	F.B. Mahr

Time of Quarters—12 minutes.  
Referee—Goodrich, Alma College.  
Umpire—Dunham, Alma College.  
Linesman—Johnson, Ithaca.  
Timekeeper—Crisp, Alma.

## FORTNIGHTLY MEETING

Mrs. W. A. Bahlke Entertains

Mrs. J. W. Miller Gave Report

The regular meeting of the Presbyterian Fortnightly Society was held at the home of Mrs. W. A. Bahlke, 608 State street, Tuesday afternoon. A large number were present and as an interesting meeting was assured. The W. H. Wilcox conducted the devotional exercises, after which she called on Mrs. J. W. Miller to give her report of the Woman's Synodical meeting held at Kalamazoo last week. The report was given in detail and was good. After the meeting closed the guests were ushered into the dining room and light refreshments were served by the hostess, who was assisted by Mrs. King and Mrs. C. G. Rhodes. The dining room was tastefully decorated with zenias and other flowers.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. A. P. Cook, 611 West Centre street, on October 27.

The W. C. T. U. meets with Mrs. Intyre, 318 Downey St., Saturday October 17, at 2:30 p. m. At this time the Missionary societies of the city will be guests of the W. C. T. U. Mrs. T. G. R. Brownlow will speak with charts on the topic, "Temperance and Missions." All women are cordially invited to hear this talk.

## ARCADA FARMERS' CLUB.

The October meeting of the Arcada Farmers' Club will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Cline from Alma, one mile west and two miles south, a little west of the Ely school house, on Thursday, October 29th.

The following is the program:—  
Opening Song, "One More Day's Work for Jesus."

Prayer—By Rev. J. W. Priest.

Song—"When the Roll is Called up Yonder."

Roll Call.

Address of welcome—B. F. Cline.

Reading—Mr. S. Peck.

Recitation—Mrs. G. Wright.

Song—Mr. and Mrs. Ray Birmingham.

Reading—Mrs. J. Batman.

Music—L. Y. Irish.

Reading—B. F. Cline.

Music—Mabel Bradford.

Question Box.

Closing Song—"What a Friend we have in Jesus."

Each lady bring cup and plate, folding table and Pentecostal Hymns.

Visitors always welcome.

Mrs. G. Irish, Mrs. A. Miller, Mrs. G. Peck, Mrs. F. Cline, committee.

## FRATERNAL INSURANCE

Calvin A. Palmer Says New Amendment Is a Bunco Game

The following taken from the Detroit News of Oct. 12, is of vital importance to all interested in fraternal insurance and is worthy of due consideration.

That the amendment to the constitution proposed by the New Era association, of Grand Rapids, is a piece of vicious legislation, "the biggest bunco game ever tried on the people of Michigan," and should it pass would be a reflection to the intelligence of the people of the state and a parody on justice, besides bringing great disaster on the insurance business of the state, is the belief of Calvin A. Palmer, former state insurance commissioner.

Mr. Palmer says The New Era Association proposed to amend the constitution so that it will not be subject to the Mobile insurance law, passed by the last legislature. Should the amendment be adopted, state supervision of fraternal insurance companies would be nullified, the former commissioner believes.

"The Mobile Law merely requires that all fraternal insurance companies shall be solvent and widens the scope of operation of the state insurance department so that it could raise the rates of fraternal orders to that they would be on sound basis," said Mr. Palmer. "The law was passed only after it had been carefully considered by the association of state insurance commissioners and recommended by them. It is in operation in 30 states and fraternal societies as a rule have heartily supported it. The New Era association was formed by special act of legislature which permitted it to operate without the lodge system. Their rates were altogether too low to enable them to meet future obligations. But to ward off a proper increase, they put a band of lobbyists to work in the state capitol and through their vigorous fight, waged single handed and alone, they were able to hold up the Mobile law for four months. They lost their fight, in the legislature and although standing alone in their attitude, they are now trying to bunco the people of Michigan."

Mr. Palmer believes that there is a possibility that the amendment will carry at the November election because those favoring it are working actively for it while those who are opposed are waging no particular fight.

The Ladies of the Order of Eastern Star added to the proceeds \$115 from dinners served in the dining tent and \$183.95 from the lunch and fancy goods booth.

The management committee have asked us to express their true thanks to all who contributed in any way to the success of the Fair.

## BAPTIST CHURCH.

J. W. Priest, Pastor. Residence, 802 Gratiot Ave.

Morning Service at 10 o'clock.

Sermon: "Christ's Message to the Tempted."

Sunday School 11:30.

Special Offering in the Sunday School for the widows and orphans of the European War.

Junior Union 3 o'clock.

B. Y. P. U. Meeting at 6 o'clock.

Topic: "A Saloonless Nation."

Evening Service 7 o'clock.

Sermon: "A Young Man and His Companions."

Thursday Night, Prayer Meeting, 7:30.

All are cordially invited to these services.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Karkeet, of Detroit, have been the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. DePunter several days. Mr. Karkeet is the progressive candidate for the State Senator of the first district of Michigan. He is a graduate of Alma College and Detroit College of Law.

## HURRAH! IT'S OVER!

Masonic Fair a Howling Success

\$1500.00 WAS GROSS PROCEEDS

Sincere Thanks Extended to all Who Contributed to Success of Fair

The Masonic Temple Fair was a great success. The total receipts for the six days amounted to approximately \$1500, and the total expense was under \$300.

The management committee consisted of J. E. Fuller, chairman; F. O. Parker, J. M. Montigel, W. H. Miner, J. S. Kneetzer and E. L. Smith. Their labors were unceasing and the success of the Fair can largely be attributed to their efforts. Dr. Pringle and Frank Pollasky could be heard at any time from early until late shouting, "Only one more paddle and then she turns." The paddle wheel was always the scene of a group of eager buyers. Every department was ably cared for by the committee placed in charge and each netted more than its expected share of proceeds. Our former townsman, Dr. John N. Day, now of Houghton Lake, contributed one hundred large fresh fish which were sold very quickly at fancy prices. The donations of merchandise and produce were many and generous, the Fair was very liberally patronized by our citizens, and the best of feeling and good will prevailed from start to finish.

Monday evening the stage entertainment was given over to the Masons, who put on a farce initiation. Frank Parker was the candidate and a jolly good time was made of the affair. Even the goat seemed to take a lively interest in teaching Mr. Parker the secrets of the Masonic order.

Tuesday evening an excellent program was furnished by talent from Alma College. Wednesday night the Masons staged a minstrel show. Black-faced comedians, full of jokes and pranks were in vogue. About an hour and a half of music, singing, dancing and joking, interspersed by music by Mr. H. C. Moore, Mr. G. V. Wright and the Mindell children, concluded that evening's fun.

The proceeds from the Thursday evening's entertainment at the Vaudeville theater, which were donated by Mr. E. H. Weese, and Leroy De La Genesta, netted \$77.25, for which the management committee desire to express their sincere appreciation and thanks.

The entertainment furnished at the theater Thursday evening and at the Tent Friday evening by Genesta was his combined magic show and act, "The Levitation of the Human Body." The magical tricks were too numerous to mention and were very mystifying. The Levitation act was fine. The madam apparently floated in mid-air while Genesta passed an iron hoop over her body several times. Friday night Genesta presented his Box Escape or Quick Substitution act. In exactly three seconds after Genesta was handcuffed by the city marshal, and nailed in a box by a local committee, he was free and when the box was opened his assistant was in his place, with the handcuffs on her wrists. The box was open for inspection before the act and was left on the stage at the conclusion of the performance.

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## METHODIST NOTES.

First Methodist Episcopal church,

Rev. Thomas G. R. Brownlow, minister. Parsonage, 724 State St., Union Phone No. 43.

Sunday, 10 a. m., sermon topic, "Sun Rise or Sun Set;" 11:30 a. m., Bible School; 6 p. m., Epworth League; 7 p. m., preaching, topic, "The Judgment Day." Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:30 p. m.

There will be special music by the choir Sunday evening.

Cottage prayer meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Knight on Tuesday evening.

Cottage prayer meeting at Mrs. Slater's on Michigan avenue Friday evening at 7:00 o'clock.

Mrs. E. H. Doane and Mrs. Jess Fuller went to Grand Rapids Tuesday as delegates to the three days' convention of the Grand Chapters of the Eastern Star.